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SUBJ: DUNKERLEY VISIT TO LA PAZ

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1. CLARENCE DUNKERLEY IS A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
EXPERT IN AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS WHO ARRIVED
LA PAZ FEBRUARY 1 TO CONSULT WITH USAID MISSION ON AN
AGRICULTURAL PROJECT. UNFORTUNATELY, WITHIN HOURS OF HIS
ARRIVAL HE SUFFERED AN ALTITUDE PROBLEM AFFECTING HIS HEART
AND ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE TO EVACUATE HIM ON A
U.S. MILITARY FLIGHT TO PANAMA ON FEBRUARY 6.
MR. DUNKERLEY HAD MADE SEVEN PRIOR VISITS TO
LA PAZ ON ROUTINE BUSINESS.

2. FEBRUARY 8 REUTERS LATIN CARRIED AN ARTICLE
DATELINED LA PAZ WHICH SAID THAT MR. DUNKERLEY WAS
A SPECIAL EMISSARY FROM PRESIDENT CARTER SENT TO
DISCUSS WITH THE HIGHEST BOLIVIAN OFFICIALS PLANS
FOR DEMOCRATIZING BOLIVIA AND BOLIVIA'S EFFORTS
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TO OBTAIN AN OUTLET TO THE SEA. THE ARTICLE
WAS CARRIED IN LA PAZ PRESS FEBRUARY 9 ALONGSIDE
A DENIAL BY USIS LA PAZ WHICH GAVE THE FACTS OF
MR. DUNKERLEY'S VISIT. WE UNDERSTAND REUTERS
LATIN, UPI, AND AP PICKED UP DENIAL AND DISTRIBUTED
IT THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA.

3. IT'S NOT CLEAR TO US HOW REUTERS LATIN GOT
SUCH A GARBLED VERSION OF MR. DUNKERLEY'S VISIT.
THE MILITARY FLIGHT WHICH PICKED UP MR. DUNKERLEY
HAD BEEN DIVERTED FROM LIMA TO PICK HIM UP. IT
IS POSSIBLE THAT SOMEONE CONSIDERED THIS TO BE
VIP TREATMENT. LA PAZ HAS ABOUNDED RECENTLY
WITH FALSE RUMORS OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION
GIVING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE SYSTEM OF
GOVERNMENT IN BOLIVIA. WE HOPE THE USIS
PUBLICATION OF THE FACTS HAS DEFLATED THE
SITUATION, BUT THERE ARE STILL MANY BOLIVIANS
WHO THINK MR. DUNKERLEY WAS HERE ON A SUPER-SECRET
MISSION. HE WASN'T.
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